<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION:</u>

Please amend the first paragraph of page 17 to read as follows:

Fig. 11 shows the file format of data with N entries. The properties of each entry are described in fields bounded by start and end delimiters. In Fig. 11, the start delimiters of the first, second <u>1107</u>, and N-th <u>1110</u> entries are respectively denoted by 1101, 1106, and 1109. On the other hand, the end delimiters of these entries are 1105, 1108, and 1111. Each property of an entry is described as a pair of an identifier used to identify that property, and an attribute value, as indicated by 1102 to 1104 <u>in the case of the first entry</u>.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 31 and 32 to read as follows:

Furthermore, a host can release some exclusive control rights of a sub-scene graph, the exclusive control right of which has been acquired, and another host can acquire the exclusive control right of that portion. Fig. 21 shows a state wherein host B has acquired the exclusive control right of a sub-scene graph 2101 below a node 2001 indicated by a black square from the state shown in Fig. 20. Fig. 21 shows a state wherein host A has acquired the exclusive control rights of nodes [[2101]] <u>2102</u> indicated by gray circles, and host B has acquired the exclusive control rights of the nodes 2101 indicated by black and gray squares.